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URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Urban Programmes being launched in the country; Poverty Alleviation

(b) the budgetary allocation made for these during the last three years and the current year; programmes

(c) the number of the persons benefited from these programmes in each State during the said period and the actual amount provided .to each State for these programmes during the same period; and

(d) the prospective plan of the Government to remove urban poverty and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN POVERTY STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a): With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), is being implemented by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The programme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self- employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

(b): The budgetary allocation made for the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Rupees in crore)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Allocation	123.00	160.00	250.00	344.00

(c): The number of the persons benefited from Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana {SJSRY) during the last three years and the central funds released, State-wise, under SJSRY during the last three years, year-wise is at Annexure.

(d): The Government is of the view that there is an urgent need to comprehensively revamp the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) by putting more emphasis on skill development to improve the employabilxty of the urban poor and on imparting training in modern skills emerging due to the changed economic scenario in the country.